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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew M. Gilbert

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-11,14-18,20 and 22-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-11,14-18,20 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

1. This office action is in response to the reply filed on 10/22/2007.
2. In the reply, the applicant amended independent claims 1, 4, 20, 22, 23, 26, and 29; and cancelled claims 2-3, 12, 13, 21. Claim 19 remains withdrawn. Thus, claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 14-18, 20, 22-33 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brunel (6186980). Brunel discloses a medical device for delivering a medicament to a patient, comprising: a reservoir (1) within which the medicament may be contained and having a unitarily molded feature (rear flange on 1), said reservoir having a forward end to which a needle cannula (2) may be connected; a plunger (5) receivable in said reservoir and having a thumb pad (6); a hollow shield body (7) coupled with said reservoir, said reservoir being selectively movable with respect to said shield body between a first position in which a forward tip of the needle cannula is exposed (Fig 12), and a second position in which a forward tip of the needle cannula is contained within said hollow shield body (Fig 14), said hollow shield body having a flange clip (24) coupled to said hollow shield body proximate a rear facing end of said hollow shield body, wherein said

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flange clip comprises a first retainer (27) for engaging said reservoir to releasably secure said hollow shield body in said first position (Fig 12), said flange clip having a second retainer (27) for directly engaging said unitarily molded feature of said reservoir to secure said reservoir relative to said hollow shield body in said second position; said hollow shield body further comprises a rim (22) and said flange clip comprises a recess (24) engaging said rim for connecting said flange clip to said hollow shield body, said recess being arranged axially between said first and second retainers (Figs 12-14); and said thumb pad being configured to interact with said first retainer upon movement of said plunger in a direction toward said forward end of said reservoir to release said first retainer and enable movement of said reservoir from said first position to said second position (Fig 12-14). In reference to claims 30-32 (see Figs 12-14; wherein the Examiner further notes that it is well known to have the syringe barrel be made of plastic).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 14-18, 20, 22-28 are allowed.
6. Claim 33 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 14-18, 20, 22-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 6623459; 6966898; 6918889.
9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew M. Gilbert whose telephone number is (571) 272-7216. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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